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SUBJECT: SCHEDULE OF MANAGING DIRECTOR MANS VISIT

REF: (A) MASERU 72 (B) MURPHY/FAIR E-MAIL OF MARCH 6

11. (SBU) Ambassador Perry and Finance Minister Thahane reviewed March 7, 2007 the necessary elements (including a potential address by the King at a Special Parlimentary session 3/16/07) for a fruitful visit by Darius Mans, Managing Director of Millennium Challenge Corporation (MCC), taking into account the calendar in country and the necessary participants' presence in country. As noted in reftel, Political Officer Christopher Smith (Office Tel: 011 266 22 3121-666, Ext. 4103, Cell: 011 266 5888-3282, and Home Tel: 011 263 22 317-264) is the Control Officer.

¶2. (SBU) Schedule:

Wednesday, March 14, 2007

16:55 Arrive Moshoeshoe I Airport. Met by Control Officer Christopher Smith and escorted to Lesotho Sun Hotel.

17:30 - 19:00 Down Time

19:30 Working Dinner hosted by Finance Minister Thahane for Principal Secretaries, U.S. Embassy Deputy Chief of Mission ¶W. Patrick Murphy and MCC Team.

Thursday, March 15, 2007

08:15 Courtesy Call by Mr. Mans on Ambassador June Carter Perry, U.S. Embassy

08:35 Site visits as arranged by MCC Team accompanied by Control Officer Christopher Smith.

13:00 Lunch in honor of Mr. Mans at Chief of Mission Residence (CMR) hosted by Ambassador Perry and Mr. Perry. Guests to include:

Foreign Affairs Tsekoa,
Finance Minister Thahane,
Minister of Natural Resources Moleleki,
Minister of Health Dr. Mphu Ramatlapeng,
Minister of Local Government Dr. Sekatle,
Acting Governor of Central Bank Dr. Senaoana, MCC
Deputy Chief of Mission W. Patrick Murphy
MCC Country Director Deidra Fair
MCC Brian Baltimore
Control Officer Christopher Smith

Friday, March 16, 2007

08:30 Donor Conference hosted by Ambassador Perry with Chiefs of Mission (COMs). Agenda consists of U.S. Ambassador's welcome followed by remarks by Guest Speaker Managing Director Mans. Participants include:

Donor Chiefs of Mission and Staff Principal Secretary Majoro, Ministry of Finance, and Mr. Khaditsa Deputy Chief of Mission Murphy, Control Officer Smith, and MCC Team

Venue: U.S. Embassy Compound

09:30 $\,$ Mr. Mans escorted to Moshoeshoe I Airport by Control Officer and MCC Team

13. (U) If there are any comments, please advise.

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